

OUR UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is Academy Uniforms.
www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk/

We expect all pupils to attend in full school uniform and with a suitable school bag everyday

You can apply for a School Clothing Grant via Glasgow City Council's website.

Our uniform standard at the moment is very good – we want it to be excellent!

This is an important aspect of our work to be aspirational for our pupils and your children.

Pupils are expected to wear:
School blazer

White shirt/ blouse

School tie (£4 from school office)

School trousers – **not** jeans/ chinos/ joggers
School skirt – knee length and not tight

Completely black shoes or trainers – no bright colours

Outdoor jacket should also be black – no bright colours

No hoodies are permitted or jumpers with fashion logos.

PLEASE SUPPORT US – WE CAN ONLY DO IT WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Clothing Grant and Free School Meals



Please remember you may qualify for support with the cost of purchasing essential school clothing. You may also qualify for free school meals - see below for the web address to apply.

www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/25838/Clothing-Grant-Free-School-Meals-Enquiry-Form



OUR SCHOOL & FAITH

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Father,
We ask you to bless our school and all who work in it.
Guide us and protect us.
Help us to be kind, gentle and respectful.
Help us to be loving and caring to those around us.
May we use our gifts and talents so that we can do our very best.

St Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

AMEN



- ❖ The Gospel values are at the core of our school.
- ❖ The values are reinforced in all aspects of school life including in the classroom – especially during RE and Personal Support periods.
- ❖ Every pupil will experience two periods of RC Religious Education every week throughout their time in St Thomas Aquinas.
- ❖ Mass is an important aspect of our school life and we celebrate as a whole school community and do not exclude anyone.
- ❖ All Holy Days of Obligation are marked with Mass.
- ❖ Commemoration of our Patronal Feast Day on 28th January is celebrated as a community with Mass.
- ❖ We support many charitable activities as part of practicing our faith.

Our Faith in S1

- ❖ Traditionally the important final part of our transition process is our S1 retreat programme which usually runs in early September.
- ❖ Further information on what the retreat programme will look like will follow after your child starts STA but all learners are expected to participate.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS RC SECONDARY



Information for S1 Parents/ Carers

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

❖ Follow us on Twitter - @StThomasAqSec



❖ E-mail any queries to

Headteacher@st-thomasaquinas-sec.glasgow.sch.uk



HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL

We are a very aspirational school for our children.

We have high expectations and will offer high levels of support to meet them.

National attainment data is only part of the life and story of a school however statistics demonstrate that our school:

Regularly outperforms other Glasgow secondary's and other schools of a similar demographic from across Scotland.

Is consistently one of Glasgow's top five performing schools in national qualifications.

Is in the top 50 of secondary schools in Scotland according to the Daily Record's table of Higher results (6th May 2020)

We aim to support all young people to be the best version of themselves and to develop and celebrate their God given talents.

We expect:

Positive and respectful relationships with others both in person and online

Full school uniform to be worn everyday

Excellent attendance (over 95%) and time-keeping

Excellent levels of effort at all times to ensure your child's achievement and attainment.

All work within our school community is underpinned by Gospel Values.

OUR SCHOOL DAY, SUPPORTS, TRAVEL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The inserts below provide information on the school day, how we support students in school and details regarding travelling to school and some advice for supporting your child with social media.



SCHOOL DAY

- ❖ The school week is split into 33 periods of 50 minutes.
- ❖ School begins everyday at 8.45am.
- ❖ Interval lasts a duration of 15 minutes and lunch lasts for 40 minutes.
- ❖ We have two short days and three long days.
- ❖ On Tuesdays and Friday school finishes at 2.40pm and on the other days 3.30pm

Day/Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am – 9.35am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9.35am – 10.25am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10.25am – 10.40am	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval
10.40am – 11.30am	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
11.30am – 12.20pm	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
12.20pm – 1.10 pm	Period 5	12.20pm – 1pm Lunch	Period 5	Period 5	12.20pm – 1pm Lunch
1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lunch	1pm – 1.50pm Period 5	Lunch	Lunch	1pm – 1.50pm Period 5
1.50pm – 2.40pm	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
2.40pm – 3.30pm	Period 7		Period 7	Period 7	

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

- ❖ At St Thomas Aquinas we have a number of school buses; if you believe your child qualifies for a bus pass you must complete the online form which can be found on Glasgow City Council's website.
- ❖ No child can travel on the school buses until they have been granted a place by Glasgow City Council's Transport Unit.
- ❖ Please ensure your child knows how to travel to and from school independently and please re-iterate road safety advice to help keep them safe and concentrating when crossing the very busy roads near our school.
- ❖ All pupils are expected to demonstrate the same high level of behaviour on their way to and from school as they do in school. Any acts which fall below an acceptable standard may result in school disciplinary action being taken and Police Scotland involvement.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN STA

- ❖ We have Student Support Team within school which comprises of
 - ❖ Six Principal Teachers of Pastoral Care (PTPC)
 - ❖ A Principal Teacher of Support for Learning
 - ❖ Support for Learning Workers
 - ❖ Family Liaison Officer
 - ❖ MCR Mentoring Co-ordinator
 - ❖ Family Engagement Officer via Action for Children
- ❖ House system led by PTPC – siblings will be kept in the same house
- ❖ Universal support for all pupils via PSE and planned activities.
- ❖ Targeted support when needed managed by PTPC and PT Sfl.



SOCIAL MEDIA

- ❖ If your child has social media accounts please monitor this regularly.
- ❖ Online safety is discussed during PSE lessons but please also discuss this with your child.
- ❖ Please closely monitor your child's online behaviours to ensure they are appropriate and they are being kind to others.
- ❖ Making threats or sharing inappropriate material online can be serious criminal offences and may be reported to Police Scotland.
- ❖ Experience has shown us that many negative school incidents are a direct result of social media or gaming disputes which take place outside of school.

PLEASE SUPPORT US TO MAKE EVERY PUPIL'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE – WE CAN ONLY DO THIS WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

